

REMARKS:

Claims 1–20 are pending. Claims 1–7 and 8–11 were subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 6 and 8–11 were amended herein. Claims 12–20 were added.

Examination of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

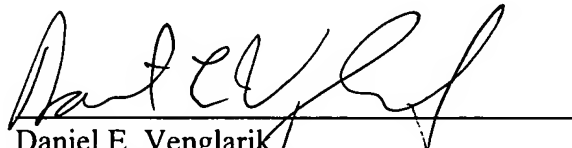
If any issue arises, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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